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2001
Van Cliburn, Fort Worth: Lifetime Achievement
Tommy Lee Jones, San Saba: Film
Willie Nelson, Austin: Music
Debbie Allen, Houston: Dance
Neil Hesa, Amarillo: Theatre
John Bigger, Houston: Visual Arts
Horton Foote, Wharton: Literary Arts
Flaco and Santiago Jimenez, San Antonio: Folk Arts
Wayne Bell, Austin: Architecture
Gilberto Zepeda, Jr., Pha: Arts Education
Jack Blanton, Houston: Individual Arts Patron
SBC Communications Inc., San Antonio: Corporate Arts Patron
The Meadows Foundation, Dallas: Foundation Arts Patron

2003
John Graves, Glen: Lifetime Achievement
Rose Fess Parker, Fort Worth: Film/Television
Charley Pride, Dallas: Music
Tommy Tune, Wichita Falls: Dance
Enid Holm, Odessa: Theatre
Glima Goodman, Druskin: Visual Arts
Sandra Cisneros, San Antonio: Literary Arts
Desley Hemdon/State Capitol Preservation Project, Austin: Architecture
Linda Mendoza, San Antonio: Folk Arts
Marco Lee Rocher, Dallas: Arts Education
Nancy B. Hamon, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Eason Mobil Corporation, Irving: Corporate Arts Patron
Houston Endowment Inc., Houston: Foundation Arts Patron

2005
Vikki Carr, El Paso: Lifetime Achievement
Phyllis Rashek, Houston: Television/Theatre
Lyla Lovett, Kiliman: Music
Ben Stevenson, O.B.E., Houston: Dance
Robert Wilson, Waco: Theatre
José Cisneros, El Paso: Visual Arts
Naim Shihab Nye, San Antonio: Literary Arts
Ginger Head-Gearhart, Fort Worth: Arts Education
Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long, Houston: Individual Arts Patron
Nasher Foundation/Raymond D. Nasher, Dallas: Foundation Arts Patron

2007
Walter Cronkite, Houston: Lifetime Achievement
Omar Sharif, Cairo: Arts Education
Alex Hay, American Dance Theatre, Rogers: Dance
Judith Ivey, El Paso: Theatre
Jesus Melleris, Corpus Christi: Visual Arts
Sandra Brown, Waco: Literary Arts
Bill Wittliff, Austin: Multimedia
Paul Baker, Hereford: Arts Education
Diana and Bill Hobby, Houston: Individual Arts Patron
Herman Marcus, Dallas: Corporate Arts Patron
Sid W. Richardson Foundation, Fort Worth: Foundation Arts Patron

2009
Laura W. Bush, Dallas: Standing Ovation
Robert Rauschenberg, Fort Arthur: Lifetime Achievement
Lake/Flato Architects, San Antonio: Architecture
James Dick, Round Top: Arts Education
Anheuser-Busch Companies, Corporate Arts Patron
Robert Rodriguez, San Antonio: Film
Edith D’Oremus, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Austin City Limits, Austin: Multimedia
Clint Black, Houston: Music
T. B. Fehrenbach, San Antonio: Literary Arts
Betty Buckley, Fort Worth: Theatre Arts
Keith Carter, Beaumont: Visual Arts

2011
Barbara Smith Conrad, Pittsburgh: Lifetime Achievement
ZZ Top, Houston: Music
Ray Benson, Austin: Multimedia
Mancie Gay Harden, Austin: Film
Bill Paxton, Fort Worth: Film
Bob Schaffer, Fort Worth: Journalism
James Drake, Lubbock: Multimeda
Alley Theatre, Houston: Theatre
Robert M. Edsel, Dallas: Literary Arts
Tom Staley, Austin: Arts Education
HEB, San Antonio: Corporate Arts Patron
Sarah and Ernest Butler, Austin: Individual Arts Patron

2013
Big Thought/Gigi Antori, Dallas: Arts Education
Gene Jones and Charlotte Jones Anderson, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Kimbell Art Foundation, Fort Worth: Foundation Arts Patron
Texas Monthly, Austin: Corporate Arts Patron
Stevie Miller, Dallas: Music
Eva Longoria, Galveston: Multimedia
Houston Ballet, Houston: Dance
James Sulte, Huntsville: Visual Arts
Joe Sears and Zastin Williams (Greater Tuna), Austin: Theatre

2015
T. Bone Burnett, Fort Worth: Music
Jamie Fox, Terrell: Film
Kilgore College Rangerettes, Kilgore: Dance
Rick Lowe, Houston: Visual Arts
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Plano: Corporate Arts Patron
Margaret McDermott, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Ennio Nicolas, San Antonio: Multimedia
Dan Rather, Wharton: Television
Chandra Wilson, Houston: Television
Charles Reidt, Houston: Architecture
Robert Schenkkan, Austin: Theatre
Tucker S. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, Dallas: Arts Education
Lawrence Wight, Austin: Literary Arts
Rhett Altduhar, Dallas: Standing Ovation
The Gatlin Brothers, San Angelo: Lifetime Achievement

2017
Elisse and John Paul DeJoria, Paul Mitchell/Texan: Austin: Corporate Arts Patron
Krist Kristofferson, Brownsville: Multimedia
Lynn Wyatt, Houston: Individual Arts Patron
Lauren Anderson, Houston: Dance
Yolanda Adams, Houston: Music
Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Dallas: Arts Education
Renée Ellen Goldberger, Houston: Theatre
The Tobin Endowment, San Antonio: Foundation Arts Patron
Leo Villareal, El Paso: Visual Arts
Frank Walsh, Dallas: Architecture
John Philip Santos, San Antonio: Literary Arts
Scott Pelley, San Antonio: Journalism
Kenny Rogers, Houston: Lifetime Achievement

2019
Conspire, Austin: Music Ensemble
Craig Dykers and Elena Molinar, San Antonio and El Paso: Architecture
Trenton Doyle Hancock, Houston: Visual Arts
Stephen Harrigan, Austin: Literary Arts
JenniFer Holdiday, Houston: Theatre
Brandon Maxwell, Longview: Design
Matthew McConaughey, Austin: Film
Marc Seliger, Houston: Multimedia
Boz Scaggs, Piano: Music
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